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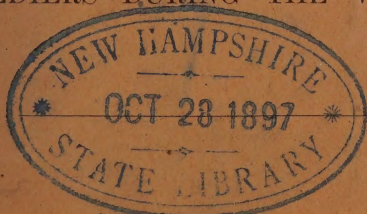
TOWN OF BEDFORD,

FOR THE YEAR

1865-6,

WITH A

STATISTICAL RECORD OF THE VOLUNTEER  
SOLDIERS DURING THE WAR.



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OF BEDFORD

FOR THE YEAR

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CHARLES GAGE, TOWN TREASURER.

M'ch 18. To paid orders drawn prior to M'ch 18, '65,	\$463 15
To paid out orders drawn by selectmen of 1865, from No. 1 to 108 inclusive,	7,252 09
School tax per receipt book in full,	1,029 11
E. Snow, for repairs of school house, Dis. No. 5,	70 00
State tax, paid by collector,	3,045 00
County tax, paid by collector,	725 57
Cash paid State aid from March 1, 1865,	728 91
Assets and cash on hand to balance,	\$4,254 54

\$17,568 37

Due from collector of 1865,	\$2,996 11
Due from State of N. H., State aid,	381 91
Adam Campbell's note,	16 07
Auction bills on hand,	44 16
Cash on hand,	816 29

\$4,254 54

Gage, Town Treasurer, ending March 1st, 1866. Cr.

1865.

March 15.	Assets as per report of 1864-5,	\$3,070 98
	Cash received of J. T. Kendall, collector, 1864, not on his list,	36 61
	Cash received of J. T. Kendall, auction bills collected,	69 32
18.	Cash of selectmen,	698 40
	State note,	300 00
	Interest on State note,	24 00
	Rent of town house,	6 50
25.	Cash rec'd of selectmen. S. A. Stark,	200 00
	" " E. H. Patten,	350 00
	" " J. A. Patten,	350 00
May 1.	Whole amount of State, County, Town, school, dog, resident and non-resident highway tax, assessed 1865,	9,010 61
25.	Cash received of selectmen, for P. T. Campbell's note,	100 00
	Cash received of selectmen,	200 00
	Cash received of State Treasurer, for State aid to March 1, 1865,	1,973 13
	Tax on savings bank,	322 74
	Railroad tax,	274 93
	Literary fund,	27 60
	John Hodgman, school-house tax, Dis. 5,	83 81
	For tax collected, not on his list,	27 60
	Due from State of New Hampshire, for State aid paid since March 1, 1865,	381 91
	Due on auction bills and notes not collected,	44 16
	Due on Adam Campbell's note,	16 07
		<hr/> \$17,568 37 <hr/>



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Orders drawn, but not reported, 1864-5 :

Jacob N. Rundlett, work on Wallace bridge, order No. 49,		\$5 25
Thomas Bursiel, work on do., order 83,	83,	6 22
Daniel Vose, labor on highway,	86,	3 00
Daniel Vose, breaking roads,	87,	2 70
Moses Gage, breaking roads,	92,	19 50
E. G. Gilmore, moving dead horse,	101,	2 00
Geo. W. Riddle, breaking roads,	102,	17 75
J. G. Holbrook, work on bridge,	103,	7 00
J. G. Holbrook, breaking roads,	104,	10 58
E. Bursiel, breaking roads,	105,	2 93
Chas. Gage, Dan'l Swett's note and int.,	106,	306 50
Chas. Gage, aid to Mrs. P. Campbell,	107,	8 00
Isaac N. Riddle, breaking roads,	108,	20 00
Barr & Clapp, goods delivered Mrs. P. Campbell,	109,	26 82
Adam Chandler, watering trough,	110,	3 00
Reuben Bugbee, breaking roads,	81,	11 90
Parker & Johnson, legal advice,	111,	10 00
		<hr/> \$463 15

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.--1865.

L. B. Bowman, services as selectman,	\$100 00
D. G. Atwood, " "	87 00
S. A. Shepherd,	47 00
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Amount carried forward,	\$234 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$224 00
Chas. Gage, services as treasurer and State aid,	36 00
Silas Holbrook, services as S. S. Committee,	50 00
E. Hall, services as town clerk,	25 00
Salon D. Pellard, services as constable,	5 00
E. Hall, bill of stationery,	1 00
Chas. Gage, care of town house, 1864,	4 00
Chas. Gage, repairs on town house, and wood,	2 85
Elvira Walker, care of pall cloth,	1 00
Russel Moore, guide post, Goff's Falls,	1 00
Wm. H. Fisk, books and stationery,	7 19
J. G. Vose, abatement of tax, 1864,	5 00
H. A. Gage, printing town reports 1864-5,	24 00
Chas. H. Moore, services at Boputon bridge,	1 00
George W. Riddle, services enlisting 11 men, getting bounties and furloughs, and re- darning quota, 17 days, 1864,	34 00
Bal. of cash paid out per bill rendered,	17 33
Stationery, printing and traveling paupers,	4 50
James T. Kendall, serv. enrollment at Concord,	4 80
Abatement of W. T. Abbott's tax,	2 88
Chas. Gage, for J. G. Dodge, note and int.,	337 33
Chas. Gage, for S. A. Stark, note and int.,	204 20
W. R. French, serv. on claim of J. H. Stevens,	1 50
C. F. Livingston, printing blanks and book,	5 50
Jas. T. Kendall, abatement of T. Taffe's and J. M. Foley's poll tax,	6 76
Chas. Gage, interest paid J. A. McGaw,	318 00
“ Interest on two notes, two years,	74 16
“ Note and interest paid,	201 00
“ Note and interest of John Fullerton,	218 16
“ Note and interest of Orville Giles,	1,414 00
“ Paid interest Leonard French,	78 00
Jas. T. Kendall, abatement of Ira Campbell's dog tax,	1 00
Reuben Bugbee, abatement on tax,	3 96
Chas. Gage, interest paid Orville Giles,	84 00

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*Amount carried forward,* \$3,624 85

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,624 85
Chas. Gage, interest paid Lucy Clough,	42 00
Stillman Parkhurst, abatement poll tax, 1865,	4 22
John Hodgman, abatement on his list,	49 95
Abatement of H. C. Joy's tax, in part,	2 33
Abatement of W. B. Sargent's tax, in part,	1 76
Mrs. E. W. Woodbury, abatement of money in savings bank,	7 04
Chas. Gage, paid interest N. Flint,	128 10
John Hodgman, abatement of D. Shirley's tax, in part,	61
Chas. Gage, interest paid Samuel Chandler,	180 00
Paid Leonard French, on note,	500 00
Interest paid J. H. Stevens,	60 00
J. T. Kendall, abatement on tax list, 1864,	45
John Hodgman, collecting taxes, 1865,	110 00
Chas. Gage, lumber and repairs on town-house,	12 40
David J. Worthley, sheep killed by dogs,	11 00
L. C. French, 2d, abatement on taxes,	21 63
	<hr/> \$4,756 32

#### EXPENSES OF TOWN PAUPERS.---1865.

Leonard French, attendance on I. Campbell's family,	\$2 50
Chas. Gage, paid 5 week's board, G. Walker,	10 00
P'd S. Gardner, b'd Agnes Houston 1 yr.,	118 96
Henry J. Plumer, board of John George to Sept. 23, 1865,	99 39
Daniel Vose, b'd John George to Jan. 27, '66,	72 41
Chas. Gage, board of Page Campbell's children,	85 00
Plumer & Chandler, and others, clothing and books, D. Campbell,	18 63
Ephraim Snow, board of David Cheney and wife, to Feb. 28, 1866,	60 50
J. T. Kendall, cash paid for support of David Cheney and wife,	25 20
New Hampshire State Asylum, board of Mrs. C. A. Boynton to Jan. 28, 1866,	47 92
J. T. Kendall, cash paid traveling paupers,	3 27
	<hr/> \$543 70



## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.---1864-5.

Reuben Bugbee,	\$3 10
Justin E. Vose,	20 65
N. Kitteredge,	2 15
C. S. Damon, plank for bridge,	8 23
B. Hall, plank for bridge,	4 93
L. B. Bowman, non-resident highway tax and breaking roads,	13 19
C. H. Moore, lumber for bridge near D. George's, 1864,	10 00
E. Barr, work on highway, 1864,	12 65
J. S. Lord, non-res. h. tax and breaking roads,	17 70
S. M. Swett, breaking roads,	14 72
S. D. Pollard, “	13 50
S. D. Pollard, plank for bridge, Shepard's mill,	10 80
J. H. Tinker, breaking roads,	3 75
N. Kitteredge, work'g non-res. h. tax, repairs,	6 42
J. H. Johnson, labor on highways,	13 75
Simon Jenness, building culvert and repairs,	13 75
Moses Gage, breaking roads,	4 60
Walter Gage and others, repairing highway,	18 50
Geo. W. Goff, stone, bridge n'r J. A. McGaw,	22 00
Wm. A. Rundlett, repair of bridge, “	16 00
James Gardner, labor on bridge “	12 00
Alfred McAfee, breaking roads,	7 12
Wm. Boynton, lumber and repairs of highway,	11 20
W. I. Batchelder, w'king n. r., repairs on road,	23 38
Walter Gage, repairs on highway,	4 50
J. G. Holbrook, repairing highway, br'king road,	8 25
J. S. Lord, breaking roads,	2 82
A. B. Corliss, repairs on highways,	8 00
Wm. Moore, repairs on bridge and roads,	10 25
B. W. Nichols, br'king roads, plank for bridge,	13 70
Wm. Moore, working n. r. highway tax,	4 79
B. H. Smith, working n. r. highway tax, 1863,	3 75
E. G. Newton, breaking roads,	3 20
John Hodgman, abatement n. r. highway tax,	11 64
L. C. French, repairs on highways,	3 00

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 \$357 00

## EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.---1865.

Jas. T. Kendall, repairs on Boynton bridge,	\$94 00	
Samuel A Stark, town bounty,	500 00	
John A. Patten,	500 00	
E. H. Patten,	500 00	
		<hr/> \$1,594 00
		<hr/> \$7,252 09

## TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN.

Orders drawn prior to March 18, 1865,		\$463 15
No. 1 to 108, inclusive, drawn since Mar. 18, 1865:		
For incidental expenses,	\$4,756 32	
Town paupers,	543 78	
Highways and bridges,	357 99	
Extraordinary expenses,	1,594 00	
		<hr/> \$7,252 09
		<hr/> \$7,715 24

## ASSESSMENTS.

Amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estate of the residents and non-residents in the town of Bedford, for the year 1865 :

Assessed for State tax,	\$3,045 00	
County tax,	725 57	
Town tax,	4,000 00	
School tax,	812 00	
Per centage added,	249 92	
Assessed for dogs,	81 00	
Non-resident highway tax,	97 12	
		<hr/> \$9,010 61

## AMOUNT OF MONEY IN SAVINGS BANKS,

As returned to Secretary of State, belonging to inhabitants of Bedford, April 1, 1865 :

Manchester Savings Bank,	\$15,973 41
Amoskeag                   “	18,919 84
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$34,893 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$34,893 25
City Savings Bank,	3,002 06
Merrimack River Savings Bank,	3,481 27
Other banks,	1,655 00
	<hr/> \$42,031 58

A tax of 3-4 of one per cent. received by Town Treasurer, amounting to \$322.74.

### CENSUS

Of Inhabitants, &c., in town of Bedford, April 1, 1865 :

Males, 569.	Horses, 259.
Females, 560.	Sheep, 421.
——1,129.	Dogs, 78.

### PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.---1865.

District Number 1,	\$87 19
“ 2,	119 02
“ 3,	94 12
“ 4,	147 67
“ 5,	62 43
“ 6,	78 75
“ 7,	89 29
“ 8,	106 17
“ 9,	55 73
“ 10,	81 37
“ 11,	32 11
“ 12,	55 83
“ Union,	19 43
	<hr/> \$1,029 11

### SCHOOL TAX.

School tax in 1865 was raised as follows :

School Tax,	\$812 00
Literary fund, 1864,	88 48
Part of R. R. Tax, 1864,	128 63
	<hr/> \$1,029 11



## ASSETS OF TOWN OF BEDFORD, MARCH 1, 1866.

Available means in hands of selectmen,	\$530 00	
Assets in hands town treasurer, see report,	4,254 54	
Bal. due from U. S. for 11 bounties,	2,345 00	
Due from State on excess of quota,	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,826 54
Balance against the town,		\$11,058 60
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		<u>\$18,885 14</u>

Town debt per report of \$1865,	\$11,693 99
Town debt per report of 1866,	11,058 60

Reduction of town debt the past year,	<hr/> \$653 3
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There has also been paid from town treasury for  
extraordinary expenses the past year, which  
will not occur again, as follows :

Bounty to S. A. Stark,	\$500 00	
“ E. H. Patten,	500 00	
“ J. A. Patten,	500 00	
Repairs at Boynton bridge,	94 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,594 00

Which would have reduced the debt,	<hr/> \$2,229 39
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## TOWN NOTES DUE MARCH 1, 1866.

DATE OF NOTE.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	INT. DUE MAR. 1.	PRINCIPAL.
April 12, 1859.	N. Flint,	\$21 20	\$400 00
Oct. 6, 1862.	Leonard French,		800 00
Oct. 22, 1862.	N. Flint,	6 33	250 00
Nov. 1, 1862.	N. Flint,	7 00	350 00
March 1, 1863.	L. C. French, 2d,	55 13	306 26
March 6, 1863.	L. C. French, 2d,	76 90	427 66
Oct. 1, 1863.	John A. McGaw,	75 00	3000 00
Nov. 14, 1863.	John A. McGaw,	40 63	2300 00
Nov. 16, 1863.	Charles Gage,	6 13	400 00
Feb. 12, 1864.	Blanchard Nichols,	24 60	200 00
Feb. 13, 1864.	Samuel Chandler,	8 50	3000 00
April 9, 1864.	J. P. Hodgman,	23 70	200 00
May 4, 1864.	L. C. French, 2d,	77 00	700 00
May 25, 1864.	D. Parker,	21 35	201 53
Aug. 22, 1864.	Lucy A. Clough,	21 90	700 00
Sept. 1, 1864.	E. P. Parkhurst,	45 00	500 00
Sept. 1, 1864.	Harriet Parkhurst,	54 00	600 00
Sept. 1, 1864.	J. H. Stevens,	30 00	1000 00
Dec. 27, 1864.	N. Flint,	2 36	225 00
Jan. 12, 1865.	C. G. Barnard,	34 00	500 00
Feb. 1, 1865.	L. C. French, 2d,	13 00	200 00
March 23, 1865.	John A. Patten,	19 65	350 00
March 23, 1865.	E. H. Patten,	19 65	350 00
April 14, 1865.	Rufus Blood,	36 86	700 00
May 11, 1865.	P. T. Campbell,	4 80	100 00
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		\$724 69	\$17,760 45
Interest due,			724 69
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			\$18,485 14
Estimate due to town officers and other expenses,			
orders not drawn, March 1, 1866,			\$400 00
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Total indebtedness,			\$18,885 14
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## INVENTORY OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT.	TOTAL VALUE.	STATE, COUNTY TOWN, SCHOOL TAX.	HIGHWAY TAX.
Number 1.	\$36,132 00	\$747 98	\$126 65
“ 2.	43,951 00	906 97	152 63
“ 3.	36,864 00	766 64	129 70
“ 4.	56,452 00	1130 17	191 82
“ 5.	24,092 00	511 27	85 95
“ 6.	29,994 00	626 57	105 11
“ 7.	36,364 00	708 11	125 65
“ 8.	41,578 00	884 56	149 94
“ 9.	20,546 00	420 47	70 94
“ 10.	33,624 00	694 93	117 33
“ 11.	12,576 00	257 14	43 49
“ 12.	23,268 00	481 08	81 33
Union,	7,560 00	167 83	28 44
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	\$403,001 00	\$8,343 72	\$1,408 98
Non-resident,	32,374 00	569 77	97 12
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	\$435,375 00	\$8,913 49	\$1,506 10
Non-resident highway, paid in cash,		97 12	
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		\$9,010 61	

GEORGE W. RIDDLE, } Selectmen  
 JAMES T. KENDALL, } of  
 ELBRIDGE G. NEWTON, } Bedford.

Bedford, N. H., March 1, 1866.



# SCHOOL REPORT.

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It was with many misgivings that your committee undertook the labors assigned him. The duties were new to him ; and while he felt that they involved interests of the first importance to the town, he was led to question his ability and tact to discharge them in such a manner as to advance the highest good of our schools. He has endeavored to discharge these duties, feeling that no greater good can be bestowed on our children than a good school, and but few misfortunes are productive of more evil than a poor school. The first develops, strengthens and disciplines the growing faculties of the mind of the child, aiming at steady, thorough progress. The other cultivates habits of idleness and inaccuracy that will require great patience and effort on the part of a good teacher to eradicate.

We have been pleased as we have visited your schools during the year, to notice the interest manifested by our scholars, the progress they have made in their studies, and their almost uniform respectful and courteous deportment.

Our teachers have, with one or two exceptions, been those enjoying more or less experience in teaching, and as a general thing have been very successful in securing the advancement of their scholars, and given, we think, good satisfaction to the parents and friends.

We have heard more complaint made in regard to the want of good order in our schools than from any other cause, and all other causes together, and we believe that in some instances a more thorough discipline would have been productive of happier results. The teacher that fails to secure good order in the commencement of a term, must labor at a great disadvantage, and can never com-

mand that respect in a school that they would under a stricter regime.

The great question of how can we advance the interests of our common schools? is well worthy of the earnest consideration of us all. Certainly we can not ensure the happiness, integrity and usefulness of our children more effectually than by giving them a good common school education. Motives that spring from parental love, patriotism and Christianity, urge upon our attention the claims of our educational interests, and to neglect these is to prove recreant to all that we should hold dear in the future.

We have thought that a few practical suggestions that have forced themselves upon us as we have visited your schools, might be worthy of your attention.

In regard to teachers, do we not too often think that we have secured the best interests of a school district when we have engaged a teacher at a low salary? Do we expect that our female teachers will take that pains and care in preparing themselves to teach, or that interest in teaching that the subject demands, while the operatives in our factories command greater pay? A poor teacher is dear at any price. Employers understand that it is for their interest to pay some men double the wages they would others. We have good teachers in town—those whose reputation and experience justly entitle them to larger salaries than the majority of our teachers receive—and we are confident in saying that six weeks tuition under some of these would be productive of greater results than three months spent under inexperienced teachers. In some of the smaller districts in town this fact seems to have been realized and acted upon by the prudential committee, and the results, we think, in every case have shown the wisdom and real economy of such a course.

Again, we believe that those districts that have employed the same teachers for a number of terms in succession, have (all things being equal) realized a greater amount of good from the labors of such teachers. They understand more fully the wants and abilities of their pupils, and what motives will best stimulate them to action.

We labor at a great disadvantage from having so many, and consequently so small districts in town. There is less money in each district to be expended; the schools, therefore, are short,

and there is less interest on account of the few scholars in each school. Eight school-houses ought, and if they were properly located, would accomodate all of our scholars. Instead of this we have thirteen school-houses. At the centre of the town we have four school-houses within one mile of the Town House, and in the west part of the town three within a mile of each other. The only objection against the uniting of these districts which is worthy of our consideration, is the increased distance some of the scholars would have to go to attend school; but this, for the physical development of our children, would be a benefit instead of an injury. We have no doubt but that, were the experiment tried, the result would prove that those scholars that had the the farthest to go would be the least affected by the depressing influences of the school-room.

Another means of increasing the usefulness of our schools is to manifest the interest we have in them by our presence. We are sure to learn the short-comings of other people's children without such an effort; but there is no way by which we can judge as fairly in regard to the waywardness of our own. The presence of the parents in the school-room is the strongest incentive to study that can be brought before the mind of the child. Let the parent state in the morning that he intends to visit the school that day, and he will be sure to hear perfect recitations from his children in the afternoon. Do not put off your visit until the last day, when the work is all done, the register made up; but encourage the teachers and scholars by an *early* call and a kind word, when these will be productive of the best results.

School exhibitions that call out the talent and scholarship of our children, and which excite a healthy emulation and rivalry between schools, may, if properly conducted, be conducive of permanent good, as well as seasons of enjoyment and pleasant re-unions. We would suggest the propriety of having two exhibitions at least during the year, in which all the schools in town take a part. In this connection your Committee would return his hearty thanks to the teachers and scholars that responded so cordially to his invitation, and which contributed to make the visit of our School Commissioners so pleasant, and, as we believe, so profitable.

Much has been said in regard to the multiplicity of text books in our schools. It has been discussed by your Commissioner, and

brought up to your attention by your Superintending School Committees in former reports. Teachers complain of it, and justly say that it robs the scholars of their time by multiplying the classes in school; that it detracts from the interest by making the classes small, and floods our schools with second-rate text books. There is but one course for us to pursue to meet this evil, and that is to select a series of text books best adapted to the wants of our scholars, and expel all others from the school-room. We never shall get rid of this evil until we do, and the sooner the change is made, the sooner shall we reap the benefits of the change.

Most of the school-houses are commodious, and in a comfortable state of repair. Many of them have no convenient playground—a want of no small importance to the younger portion of our schools. Most of them are in healthy locations, and are pleasantly situated. We are surprised that so little attention has been paid to the proper ventilation of our school-houses. There is, perhaps, no one thing that will have so great an influence on the health of our scholars, as the proper ventilation of the school-room, or the want of it; and when we take into consideration the trifling expense at which this can be obtained, there is no good reason why a single school should be without it. The dropping of a window to cool an over-heated room, ensures a draft when the inmates are most liable to take cold. We believe you will save enough in one winter, in every such district, in patent medicines and doctors' bills, to cover the expense of the change. In most of the school-houses we have visited this winter, the windows have been used for ventilators.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

All the school money in this district was expended in one term of fifteen weeks, commencing August 20th. The school was taught by Miss Marion B. Gilmore. The examination at the close of the school, spoke more highly for the united efforts of teacher and scholars than any words of ours can do.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer term of seven and one-half weeks, was taught by Mary Eliza Morrison. Owing to sickness in the teacher's family, the school was prematurely closed. There was no examination:



but from the diligence and good order manifested at the commencement of the term, we were favorably impressed with the school.

The winter term, under the care of John P. Hodgman, was pleasant and profitable. The rhetorical exercises at the examination were worthy of especial commendation.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

A summer term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Sarah T. Hook. The school enjoyed the advantage of a teacher familiar with the habits and capacities of her scholars. The term was pleasant, and the examination very interesting.

Miss S. Addie Bryant, of Francestown, taught a winter term of ten weeks. Miss Bryant has the happy method of interesting her pupils, and of imparting instruction. The term was well improved.

### DISTRICT No. 4.

The summer school of fifteen weeks was under the care of Miss Aseneth P. McQuestion. The government of the school was of the first order. We thought it a profitable term.

A winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Abby G. Wallace, a young lady from Epsom. We were pleased with the discipline of the school, and the lively interest manifested by the scholars. The recitations in reading and arithmetic were very good. District No. 4 can not do better than to secure the services of Miss Wallace for the future.

### DISTRICT No. 5.

The summer term of ten weeks was taught by Mrs. Eliza Ann Stevens, an experienced and faithful teacher. The school was in every respect a good one. We noticed with pleasure the self-reliance of her pupils, going through their recitations *without* prompting.

The winter term of five weeks was under the care of Miss Marian B. Gilmore. The term seemed to be well improved, and gave, we believe, good satisfaction to the district.

**DISTRICT No. 6.**

The summer term of eight weeks was managed by Miss Larenda L. Webster, This was Miss Webster's first attempt at teaching. We thought her quite successful as a teacher. By referring to the register, we are pleased to learn that there was *one* of the parents that visited the school during the term.

The winter term was taught by Miss Fannie A. McPherson. The term was well improved. The examination was pleasant, and all the exercises were creditable to the school.

**DISTRICT No. 7.**

Miss Nellie Flint taught a summer school of twelve weeks in this district. This was her first effort as a teacher. A part of the school realized the value of the privilege afforded them, but a portion of the school failed in making much, if any, progress. If the teacher had commenced her school with a greater confidence in herself, and had enforced a stricter discipline in the beginning of her school, the term would have been more profitable.

Miss Cretia D. Parkhurst taught a winter term of ten weeks. We thought that in no school in town had a more marked improvement been made than in this. The reading classes deserved especial commendation.

**DISTRICT No. 8.**

The summer term of twelve weeks was under the care of Miss Sarah E. Tinker, a faithful and earnest teacher. Although not present at the close of the school, yet from visits made during the term, we thought it was a harmonious and successful school.

During the winter a large number of advanced scholars attended school. Under the skillful management of Mr. Silas Holbrook, all the classes made a good improvement, and exhibited an earnest desire to do credit to themselves and their teacher.

**DISTRICT No. 9.**

Summer term of ten weeks. This school was under the management of Miss Julia A. Flanders, a young lady from Canaan. She made the school-room pleasant to her scholars, and was, we think, quite successful as a teacher.

The winter term was successfully conducted by Miss Sarah E. Tinker. The recitations, for thoroughness and self-reliance, the deportment of the scholars and the discipline of the school, was of the first order, and would compare favorably with any in town.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

The summer term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Laura E. French, of Merrimack. This was Miss French's first term of teaching school. She seemed interested in her labors, and well qualified for her position, and with a stricter discipline would have had an excellent school.

The winter school was under the care of Miss Ella C. Darrat. The term was a short one, continuing only six weeks. We were pleased to notice the advancement made by some of the classes, but regretted to hear so much confusion and whispering in the school-room.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

There were two terms of school in this district during the year. The first, a term of twelve weeks, was taught by Miss Cretia D. Parkhurst, and must have been very pleasant to both teacher and scholars, if we may judge from the harmony and improvement that characterized the term.

Miss Agnes J. Cutler taught the fall term of eleven weeks. We were gratified with the interest and industry manifested by the school.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

Miss Marian B. Gilmore taught a summer term of nine weeks. The improvement made by all the classes during this term was of marked character.

A winter term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Mary A. Shepherd. We were not informed of its close, and consequently made but one visit to the school during the term.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

A summer term of four weeks was taught by Miss Nancy P. Flint. This was Miss Flint's first effort at teaching. Not being

informed of the close of the school, we were not present at the examination, but from what we saw in regard to Miss Flint's labors in the school-room, we felt confident that she would have a profitable term.

A winter term of six weeks was under the care of Miss Sarah E. Tinker. This term was well improved. The examination was pleasant, and gave evidence of industry on the part of the scholars.

WILLIAM W. WILKINS,

*Superintending School Committee.*



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	TERM.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages per month, inc. board.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Number of visits by citizens.
1	Fall, .....	15	\$19 00	25	16	21
2	Summer, .....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 00	22	18	6
	Winter, .....	10	30 00	25	20	39
3	Summer,* .....	12	10 00	12	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	35
	Winter, .....	10	22 00	12	11	27
4	Summer, .....	15	18 00	23	19	17
	Winter, .....	11	22 00	22	20	22
5	Summer,* .....	10	15 00	22		10
	Winter, .....	5	20 00	30	25	11
6	Summer, .....	8	16 00	11	9	9
	Winter, .....	7	22 00	16	13	15
7	Summer, .....	12	8 00	25	15	10
	Winter,* .....	10	21 00	23	20	24
8	Summer, .....	12	12 00	26	24	32
	Winter, .....	11	24 00	31	26	37
9	Summer, .....	10	20 00	12	10 $\frac{1}{3}$	23
	Winter,* .....	9	13 00		17	9
10	Summer,* .....	11	10 00	23		19
	Winter, .....	6	22 50	23	21	17
11	Summer, .....	12	19 00	14	12	24
	Fall, .....	11	18 00	12	10 $\frac{2}{3}$	24
12	Summer,* .....	9	12 00	12	9	16
	Winter,* .....	10	14 00	12	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
13	Summer, .....	4	6 00	10	8	7
	Winter, .....	6	9 00	13	11	10

\* Register imperfectly made out.



R E C O R D  
OF THE  
VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENTS  
FROM THE TOWN OF BEDFORD,  
FROM 1861 TO 1866.

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COMPILED AND ARRANGED BY GEO. W. RIDDLE.

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**FIRST REGIMENT. (3 Months.)**

DATE OF MUSTER.

1861.

May 1. Lyford Hunt, C Co.

**SECOND REGIMENT. (3 Years.)**

June 1. W. Gage Kendall, C Co. Died at Camp Beauford, Md.,  
Nov. 15, 1861.

**THIRD REGIMENT. (3 Years.)**

Aug. 23. Eli E. Bowman, A Co.  
Wm. H. Plumer, A Co. Discharged for disability.  
John Locklin, H Co.  
Wm. A. Butterfield, H Co. Discharged for disability.  
Thomas Adams, H Co. Served three years.  
George W. Adams, H Co. Killed at Pinckney Island,  
S. C., Aug. 21, 1862.  
Samuel Adams, H. Co. Disc. for dis. Aug. 2, 1862.  
John N. Campbell, H Co. Wounded severely June 16,  
1862. Disc. for disability, March 20, 1863.  
W. H. H. Nichols, H Co. Wounded Aug. 1, 1862.  
Discharged for disability, Oct. 30, 1862.

1861. DATE OF  
MUSTER.

- Aug. 23. Andrew J. Campbell, H Co. Died disease, Sept. 8, '62.  
Charles J. Andrews, K Co.  
Corp'l John A. Armstrong, K Co. Killed in action at  
Drury's Bluff, Va., May 13, 1864.  
Sergt. George Way, K Co. Wounded Aug. 16, 1864.

**FOURTH REGIMENT. (3 Years.)**

- Sept. 18. Capt. Edwin Whitford, E Co. Promoted to Captain  
May 10, 1865.  
Sergt. Thomas S. Burns, E Co.  
George H. Blood, E Co.  
Sergt. John P. Hodgman, K Co.  
Corp'l Samuel B. Mace, K Co.  
George W. Mace, K Co.  
Corp'l Samuel McDoel, K Co.  
Lieut. John Fullerton, K Co. Pro. to 1st Lt., Aug. '65.  
Sergt. James McConihe, K Co.

**SEVENTH REGIMENT. (3 Years.)**

- Nov. 1. Sergt. Charles C. McPherson, I Co. Supposed killed  
at Fort Wagner, July 18, 1863.  
Henry Oliver, I Co. Died of disease Sept 15, 1862.  
Onslow F. McPherson, I Co.  
John R. Young, I Co.  
Edward Tatro, G Co. Died of disease Mar. 22, 1862.

**EIGHTH REGIMENT. (3 Years.)**

- Dec. 20. Joseph F. Cady. Died in service.  
James W. Harriman, F Co. Discharged for disability,  
March 3, 1864.

**NINTH REGIMENT. (3 Years.)**

1862.

TOWN BOUNTY.

- July 12. George Hodgman, Jr., B Co. Died  
of disease, Falmouth, Va., Nov.  
3, 1863, \$50 00  
\$50 00



## TENTH REGIMENT. (3 Years.)

1862. DATE OF  
MUSTER.

TOWN BOUNTY.

Aug. 20. Corp'l Alfred Quaid, A Co. Capt'd  
at Fair Oaks, Oct. 27, 1864.  
Died at Andersonville prison. \$50 00

Albert N. Jenness, A Co. Served  
three years, 50 00

Wm. F. Conner, A Co. Wounded  
severely Sept. 29, 1864, 50 00

Walter D. Campbell, A Co. W'n'd  
severely June 3, 1864, 50 00

Charles Seavey, A Co. Wounded  
sev'ly J'ly, '64, also Sept. 29, '64, 50 00

Jackson Butterfield, A Co. Served  
three years, 50 00

Horace Townsend, A Co. W'nded  
severely June 5, 1864, 00 00

Samuel Seavey, A Co. S'ved 3 y'rs 50 00

Charles N. Parkhust, A Co. Died  
Fredericksburg, Dec. 17, 1862, 00 00

Page Campbell, D Co. Died of  
wounds rec'd March 11, 1864, 50 00

George C. Campbell, D Co. Served  
three years, 50 00

Silas Campbell, D Co. Wounded  
at Fredericksburg, Dec. 1862. 50 00

Isaac Campbell, D Co. Captured at  
Fair Oaks, Va., Oct. 27, 1864.  
Died Andersonville prison, 50 00

Daniel S. Campbell, D Co. Disc.  
for disability Oct. 14, 1864, 50 00

John H. Campbell, D Co. Served  
three years, 50 00

Andrew S. Campbell, D Co. Des'd  
at Falmouth, Jan. 22, 1863, 50 00

Charles S. Campbell, D Co. Dis.  
for disability May 17, 1864, 50 00

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$750 00

1862. DATE OF  
MUSTER.

TOWN BOUNTY.

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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$750 00
Aug. 20. William Philbrick, D Co. Served three years,	50 00
George A. Blood, D Co. Died at Portsmouth, Va., Nov. 10, '63,	50 00
William Adams, D Co. Died of disease at Falmouth, Jan. 12, 1863,	50 00
Albert P. Kelley, F Co. Disch. at Fair Oaks, Oct. 27, 1864.	50 00
Sergt. George C. McPherson, H Co. Captured at Fair Oaks, Va., Oct. 27, 1864, died in Andersonville prison, Ga.,	50 00
John Roby, H Co. Served 3 years,	50 00
Lysander Gardner, H Co. Disch. for disability April 1, 1863,	50 00
Charles N. Townsend, H Co. Trans. to V. R. Corps Aug. 13, 1863,	00 00
H. H. Walker, H Co. S'ved 3 yrs.	50 00
Edmund Kendall, H Co. Trans. to Signal Corps May 23, 1864,	50 00
John G. McLaughlin, H Co. Taken prisoner. Served three years.	50 00
	————— \$1250 00

## ELEVENTH REGIMENT. (3 Years.)

Aug. 28. Charles A. Riddle, C Co. Trans. to V. R. Corps April 15, 1864.	50 00
James A. Riddle, C Co. W'nded severely Dec. 13, 1862, disch. for disability,	50 00
Joseph O. Smith, E Co. Captured June 22, 1863. Died at Ander- sonville prison,	50 00
	————— \$150 00

## FOURTEENTH REGIMENT. (3 Years.)

1862. DATE OF  
MUSTER.

TOWN BOUNTY.

Sept. 22,	T. J. Wiggin, D Co. Transferred to Signal Corps April 28, 1863,	\$50 00
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## FIFTEENTH REGIMENT. (9 Months.)

Oct. 9.	John Hodgman, E Co. Wounded severely,	200 00
	Andrew C. Giles, E Co. Wounded severely,	200 00
	Wm. H. Hodgman, E Co. Died of disease at Carrolton, Va., Jan. 22, 1863,	200 00
	James S. Lord, E Co.,	200 00
	J. I. Whittemore, E Co. Wounded slightly,	200 00
		<hr/> \$1000 00

## SIXTEENTH REGIMENT. (9 Months.)

Oct. 16.	Robert H. French, G Co. Died in service,	200 00
	George W. Boynton, G Co. Died in service Aug. 13, 1863,	200 00
	William P. Mudge, G Co. Served nine months,	200 00
		<hr/> \$600 00

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CAVALRY REGIMENT.

1864.

March.	Charles J. Parker. Served 3 mos.	50 00
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Whole amount paid from town treasury for 39 volunteers to Sept. 1, 1863,	\$3150 00
L. R. Lougee, unaccounted for, George B. Moore, K Co. Daniel Way, K Co. Sev'ly w'nded June 13, '64, died at Ft. Warren.	

DATE OF  
MUSTER.

TOWN BOUNTY.

Samuel A. Stark, enlisted March 16,	
1865, for one year,	\$500 00

## FIRST NEW HAMPSHIRE BATTERY.

1861.

Sept. 26.	Silas Holbrook, wounded severely,	
	Dec., 1863, disch. for disability	
	Dec. 14, 1864.	
	Albert R. Holbrook, killed at Peters-	
	burg, Va., July, 1864,	
	John Lord, wounded, transferred to	
	V. R. Corps.	
	John A. Patten, enlisted March 21,	
	1865, for one year.	500 00
	Edward H. Patten, enlisted March	
	21, 1865, for one year.	500 00
		<hr/> \$1,000 00
		<hr/> \$1,500 00

## DRAFTED MEN WHO FURNISHED SUBSTITUTES.

Sept. 1, 1863.	INDIVIDUAL BOUNTY.	TOWN BOUNTY.
Gilman H. Moore,	\$140 00	\$300 00
Walter I. Bachelder,	125 00	300 00
Roger H. Vose,	175 00	300 00
Freeman R. French,	115 00	300 00
Leonard J. Brown,	200 00	300 00
Chas. H. Kendall,	175 00	300 00
Levi J. Woodbury,	200 00	300 00
George Whitford,	150 00	300 00
Farnham Jenkins,	140 00	300 00
David R. Barnard,	175 00	300 00
Clinton French,	170 00	300 00
Horace S. Campbell,	155 00	300 00
George B. Shattuck,	140 00	300 00
John G. Vose,	175 00	300 00
Walter Gage,	115 00	300 00
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<i>Amt. car'd forward,</i>	\$2,350 00	\$4,500 00 \$1,500 00



Sept. 1, 1863.

## INDIVIDUAL BOUNTY.

## TOWN BOUNTY.

<i>Amt. bro't forw'd,</i>	\$2,350 00	\$4,500 00	\$1,500 00
Joseph G. Holbrook,	175 00	300 00	
Charles H. Sargent,	175 00	300 00	
Jno. H. Lord, in person,	175 00	300 00	
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	\$2,875 00		\$5,400 00
Individual bounty added,			2,875 00
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			\$9,775 00

## VOLUNTEERS FURNISHED BY TOWN OF BEDFORD,

Under the call of Oct. 17, 1863. The town cashed the United States bounty of \$300.00.

## TOWN BOUNTY.

## U. S. BOUNTY.

William Jones,	\$150 00	\$300 00
Edwin Burns, deserted		
January 13, 1864,	145 00	300 00
Charles Prescott,	151 00	300 00
Charles Jager,	265 00	300 00
George E. Yates,	265 00	300 00
George S. Allen,	198 00	300 00
John Neilson,	265 00	300 00
Chas. Peterson,	265 00	300 00
Samuel Collard, veteran,	275 00	300 00
Peter Dailey, died of		
w'nds June 19, '64,	220 00	300 00
James Cuedy,	225 00	300 00
W. P. Mudge, V. R. C.	25 00	<hr/>
Geo. W. Cutler, "	34 00	\$3,300 00
Larkin Sargent, "	136 00	
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	\$2,619 00	2,619 00
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		\$15,694 00

Average cost, \$422.00 each.

**RE-ENLISTED VETERANS.---THIRD REGIMENT.**

DATE OF MUSTER.

TOWN BOUNTY.

Feb., '64. Corp'l John A. Armstrong, K Co.		
Re-enlisted Feb. 12, '64. Killed		
at Drury's Bluff, May 13, '64, \$200 00		
Sergt. George Way, K Co. re-en-		
listed Feb. 12, 1864. W'nded		
Aug. 16, 1864,	200 00	
Corwin J. Parker. Re-enlisted		
Feb. 25, 1864,	200 00	
		<hr/> \$600 00

**FOURTH REGIMENT.**

Lieut. John Fullerton, K Co. Re-		
enlisted Feb. 15, 1864,	200 00	
Sergt. John P. Hodgman, K Co.		
Re-enlisted Feb. 15, 1864,	200 00	
		<hr/> \$400 00

**SEVENTH REGIMENT.**

John R. Young, I Co. Re-enlisted		
Feb. 27, 1864,	200 00	
Onslow F. McPherson, I Co. Re-		
enlisted Feb. 27, 1864. Desert-		
ed May 24, 1864,	200 00	
		<hr/> \$400 00
		<hr/> \$1400 00

**SHARPSHOOTERS.---1864.**

March.	George H. Blood, G. Co.	
	Warren T. Hackett, G. Co. Died	
	of wounds June 12, 1864.	

**HEAVY ARTILLERY REGIMENT. (1 Year.)**

1864.	DATE OF MUSTER		TOWN BOUNTY.
Sept. 2.		Corp. Herbert R. Fulton, 3d Co.,	300 00
		Charles M. Bowman,                   “	300 00
		William Smith,                       “	300 00
		Walter M. Smith,                   “	300 00
		Ferdinaner Reuter,               “	300 00
		Charles O. Townsend, 3d Co. Died of disease at Fort Williams, Nov. 21, 1864,	300 00
		Eben Foss, 3d Co. Non-resident.	300 00
Sept. 17.		Sergt. Austin C. French, 10th Co.	300 00
		Wiggin T. Abbott,                   “	300 00
		Gilman H. Moore,                   “	300 00
			<hr/> \$3,000 00

**SUBSTITUTES FURNISHED BY ENROLLED MEN.**

1865.		INDIVIDUAL BOUNTY.	TOWN BOUNTY.
March.	Horace Holbrook, 1 for 3 yrs.	\$200 00	\$300 00
	Enoch F. Gage, 1 for 3 yrs.,	200 00	300 00
		<hr/> \$400 00	<hr/> \$600 00
	Individual bounty added,		400 00

**EIGHTEENTH REGIMENT.**

March.	Herman Schnider, 1 year,	\$300 00
		<hr/> \$1,300 00

**UNITED STATES NAVY. (Not credited on enrollment.)**

Josiah G. Woodbury, A. A. Paymaster U. S. Navy. Killed on board Monitor Catskill, Aug. 19, 1864, by a shot from Ft. Wagner, while bombarding Charleston, S. C. His remains were brought to Bedford and interred with masonic honors.	
Hugh R. Barnard, clerk, Monitor Catskill.	
Silas A. Riddle, clerk, U. S. Steamers Calhoun and Carrabossett.	
Capt. T. J. Rollins, Acting Master Steamer Saco. (Credited on enrollment),	\$300 00
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	\$21,694 00

**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.**

W. W. Wilkins, Asst. Surgeon 10th N. H. Reg.  
Geo. E. Woodbury, Asst. Surgeon 1st D. C. Vols.

## NUMBER OF SOLDIERS FURNISHED FROM BEDFORD.

40 men in 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 7th and 8th Reg'ts, Navy and Medical Departments, received no town bounty.	
42 men in 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th and 16th, and Cavalry Regt's, rec'd town bounty of	\$3,150 00
82 men volunteered prior to Sept. 1st, 1863.	
60 men furnished under calls of President since Sept. 1, 1863, who have received from the town of Bedford, and from principals who have furnished 20 substitutes,	*\$21,694 00
142 men.	\$24,844 00
Expenses of enlisting paid from town treasury,	217 63
	*\$25,061 63
*This includes \$3,300.00 U. S. bounty cashed by town Oct. 1863. 3,275.00 individual bounties for substitutes. making a total of \$6,575.00.	

## AGGREGATE BOUNTIES AND EXPENSES

Paid by town of Bedford and 20 individuals since Sept. 1, 1863,  
for 60 soldiers, and cost returned to Provost Marshal, Sept.  
1st, 1865.

CALL.	EXPENSES.	INDIVIDUAL BOUNTY.	TOWN BOUNTY.
July 3. 18 drafted men.		\$2,875 00	\$5,400 00
Oct. 14. 14 volunteers.	\$143 93		5,919 00
1864. 7 re-enlisted.			
Feb. 1. 4 enlist'd—11 men,	137 80		1,650 00
July 18. 10 men, H. Artil'y,	126 00		3,000 00
2 subs. Holbrook and Gage,		400 00	600 00
1 navy, Cap. Rollins,			300 00
Dec. 17. 4 men, 1 year,	25 00		1,800 00
60 men.	\$432 73	\$3,275 00	\$18,669 00
Individual bounty,			3,275 00
Expenses,			432 73
			\$22,376 73

It is expected that this sum will be refunded by the United States to the town of Bedford, or a portion of it, — a bill being now before Congress to that effect.

## EXPENSES OF ENLISTING 142 SOLDIERS

For the town of Bedford during the war, and the amount of cash paid out of the town treasury :

Mar. '63. P'd George W. Riddle, for services enlisting 37 volunteers, in 10th, 11th, 15th and 16th regiments, and for cash paid out, \$8.00, \$22 00

Received of United States for enlistment fees on 11 men, \$165 00

Oct. Geo. W. Riddle, 21 days, \$42 00

Cash expenses, 35 08

R. Fulton, 12 days, 24 00

Cash expenses, 28 25

L. C. French, 2d, 4 days, 8 00

Cash expenses, 6 60

\$143 93

Balance, \$21.17

1864. Dr.

March. Cash paid G. B. Moore, \$40 00

T. W. Moore, Jr., expenses paid out, 7 40

Hackett, Way and Blood, and expense enlisting, 27 60

Geo. W. Riddle, services red'cing quota, enlist'g 12 men, getting credits,

S'te b'nties, &c., 17 ds. 34 00

Cash pd. expenses, see bill, 33 50

\$142 50

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Cash bal. on hand, \$21 17

Received of U. S., enlistment fees of Moore, Blood, Way and Hackett, 70 00

\$91 17

Bal. paid from town treasury, 1865, \$51 33

Total expense paid from town treasury for reduction of quota and enlisting 63 men, to July 1, 1864, \$73 33

Aug. 1864.

Expense of enlisting 10 men, Heavy Artillery :

L. B. Bowman's bill, \$63 91

D. G. Atwood's " 38 82

S. A. Shepherd's " 23 87

\$126 60



March. 1865. Expense of enlisting 4 men :

George W. Riddle, 4 days,	\$8 00	
Cash expenses,	9 70	
	<hr/>	\$17 70
Total,		<hr/> \$217 63

#### BOUNTIES AND EXPENSES PAID BY ADJOINING TOWNS.

TOWN.	No. of men.	BOUNTIES.	EXPENSES.	Average cost of enlistment per man.	Average bounty per man.
Amherst,	153	\$20,560.00	\$371.22	\$2.42	\$135.00
Merrimack,	132	35,145.00	1,339.00	13.39	266.00
Goffstown,	157	36,795.00	492.00	3.13	234.00
Weare,	186	66,895.00	1,295.00	6.96	359.00
Bedford,	142	*19,486.00	217.00	1.53	137.00

\*Exclusive of U. S. and individual bounties.

#### REMARKS.

Justice to the brave men who went forth from our town to fight the battles of our country and protect its flag, demand that some record should be made and kept, to commemorate their names, sufferings, and heroic deeds. To our fallen dead who fell in battle, died and starved at Andersonville, sick, wounded and died in hospitals—let us ever remember them with gratitude, and cherish their memories. As long as the Republic lives and men have memories, their names will be honored, respected and revered. That those who may come after us may know who the brave men were who went from Bedford, assisted, defended and saved our country, is my only apology for compiling and arranging these statistics, and printing them with the town reports of this year. There may be some slight inaccuracies which can be corrected in the future, but in the main are correct, from the best information that can be obtained. At no distant day it is hoped that the town will cause a complete history of its soldiers to be written, which will be of great value to them, their friends, and our citizens.

GEORGE W. RIDDLE.

BEDFORD, March 1, 1866.









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